PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Continuation of U.S. Appln. No. 10/030,314 (Q77518)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Currently Amended) An agent A method for preventing and/or treating a fibrosis, said method comprising administering an effective amount of an agent comprising a sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor agonist as an active ingredient.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The agentmethod for preventing and/or treating a fibrosis according to claim 2, wherein the fibrosis is pulmonary fibrosis, interstitial pneumonia, chronic hepatitis, hepatic cirrhosis, chronic renal failure or renal glomerulosclerosis.
 - 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Currently Amended) An agent A method for preventing and/or treating a fibrosis, said method comprising administering an effective amount of an agent comprising sphingosine 1-phosphate as an active ingredient.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The agentmethod for preventing and/or treating a fibrosis according to claim 5, wherein the fibrosis is pulmonary fibrosis, interstitial pneumonia, chronic hepatitis, hepatic cirrhosis, chronic renal failure or renal glomerulosclerosis.